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Intercollegiate Union Meeting.

The semi-annual meeting of the New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Union was held Saturday, the 4th of March last, at Bagg's Hotel, at Utica.

The dues for the academic year 1903–4 were ordered remitted by the treasurer and the expenses of the various delegates to the last two meetings of the governing board were paid from the treasury. From the proceeds of the Intercollegiate meet of last spring one hundred dollars was set aside for distribution among the Colleges represented, in accordance with resolutions passed at the fall meeting.

The football pennant for 1904 was awarded to Colgate as a matter of formality, it being secured, of course, by a majority of games won. It was decided to hold the Intercollegiate at Rochester, though there was some discussion as to whom it rightfully belonged in the order of customary rotation. Appropriation was also made for the purchase of medals and banners for this meet.

There was some technical difficulty in arranging dates for baseball between Hobart and Colgate, which was satisfactorily adjusted. As a much needed measure it was resolved that the secretary should collect, codify, print and bind the minutes of the Union since its foundation. This is a step in the right direction, as in the past there has been much confusion, owing to the lack of any authorized and complete edition of the official documents and archives of the Union.

On the whole the affairs of the Union were declared to be in a flourishing and encouraging condition, and the meeting was one of mutual good feeling and profit. Beside President Prof. J. A. Leighton, of Hobart, there were present, Messrs. Foley and Sinclair, of Hobart, Dr. Huntington and Porter, of Colgate, Prof. Bailey, of Rochester, and Prof. Squires and Drummond, of Hamilton.

Promising Baseball Prospects.

Baseball was booming till the aftermath of winter came, numbing fingers, stiffening arms and driving the squad to cover. The men are doing all that the weather allows, though really effective practice is almost impossible. The work is largely confined to batting, and from appearances we will have a heavy hitting team this year.

The pitching staff becomes more promising every day. Haven is back in college and Sherman's twirling is very encouraging. Laird is still rather wild. "Bram" expects to be behind the bat again, which means that the position will be ably cared for and the pitchers well supported. Branch and White are both doing good work with the big mit, so that there is no worry over the receiving basket. Capt. Ferris will in all probability come in from right field and hold down the initial bag, as first-class candidates for that position are few. The other two sacks and short-stop can be worthily apportioned among Haggerson, LeMunyan, Clark, '08, Miller and Carroll, who are all men of skill and experience.

There is a bunch—and a good one—playing in the outfield: Stiles, T. Sherman, Smith, Cody, Snyder, Baxter, Hoyt, Stryker and Holley, all of them fielding well and some of them batting above the average. Taken as a whole the squad is the best in years for the number of thoroughly good players of experience.

The coach, Mr. Heffernan, Williams 1902, is more than giving satisfaction. His baseball skill, his enthusiasm, his handling of the men, commend him highly and the College is exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of such an able coach. With two such leaders as Coach Heffernan and Captain Ferris, with such an excellent schedule, such an unusual squad and such interest as there is in college, the season holds nothing but promise for us.

The Utica Alumni Banquet.

Last Monday evening the Central New York Association of Hamilton Alumni held its banquet at the Auditorium, Utica. Those present, in number eighty odd, were seated at small tables, faced by a long table for the speakers. A short business meeting which appointed a committee on nominations, preceded the banquet. The assemblage was called to order by the President, Hon. A. B. Weaver, '51; and Rev. Dana W. Bigelow offered prayer. Then the multitude fell to with a will. As usual they were soon in that state of self-satisfied complacency deemed a necessary pre-condition when the uncertainties of a toast-list are to follow. While Chester effectively tickled the palate, Rath did as good service for the ears. During the evening, too, Prof. Hughes, '90, of the Utica Conservatory of Music, and Coupe, '08, furnished a few vocal tidbits; and Lloyd's wonderful tenor could ever and anon be heard above the songs sung by the fifteen undergraduates and the younger alumni present. Even the reverend gentleman, who later responded to the first toast, could have been seen guiltily sneaking away from the speaker's table to join in the uproar.

When the peaceful smoke which proclaims that the worst work of destruction is done, began to curl upwards, Toastmaster Weaver arose and made a few remarks. Beneath his sombre and aged exterior there lurked a frolicsome and lively wit, which, as the evening progressed, showed itself now and then in turns surprising to the speakers and delighting to his hearers. The first toast, "Anything," was responded to by Dr. Stryker. He spoke of the deed of a new dormitory, saying that strenuous efforts to attract students hither have necessarily been avoided because of the fear that the student body would exceed the accommodations. The other point he emphasized, the "Carthago delenda est" of the future, was "the faculty must

be better paid." His speech was short but meaty. Artistically introduced as a dispenser and peddler of chestnuts, George E. Dunham, '79, either belied the introduction or else the audience was similar to the small boy in its likes. The facts, themselves interesting, brought out in his toast, "Hamilton College and Utica," were enhanced by the clever setting he gave them. James P. Olney, '79, "The College and Business," pointed out some of the advantages in practical life of the college graduate. Hon. James S. Sherman, '78, in answering to the toast, "On the Heights", illustrated how Hamilton was on the heights in the various activities of life by citing some of the names of many well-known graduates. Dr. Jones, '73, from Colgate University, arriving late on one of the far-famed expresses of the O. & W., had been escorted to the speaker's table and now by his extempore response justified his presence there. Particularly he advocated the old ideals and the high ideals of the past. R. U. Sherman, '05, spoke for the "Coming Alumni." The banquet adjourned *sine die* and the business meeting came to life again.

The Committee on Nominations recommended William E. Lewis, '75, for president; but upon motion of Mr. Lewis, Mr. Weaver was continued in office. The meeting broke up with the singing of "Carrissima" after they had accepted the other recommendations of the Committee, as follows: Vice-presidents, Edward Baylies, '62, Johnstown, P. M. Hull, '76, Clinton, James P. Olney, '79, Rome; secretary, James H. Merwin, '99, Utica; executive committee, George E. Dunham, '79, chairman, G. M. Weaver, '60, W. C. McAdam, '77, A. R. Kessinger, '88, S. Miller, '99, S. Sherman, '04.

Resolutions.

Whereas, The Almighty Power, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to take home to His own, our friend and beloved brother, Montague White, of the Class of 1904, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Hamilton Chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, express our deep sorrow and pain at the loss of a true and faithful brother, and be it

Resolved, That we tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in their affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the afflicted family and inserted in the Fraternity records.

For the Hamilton Chapter of Delta Upsilon. ARTHUR H. CHILD,
EDWARD R. EVANS,
ARTHUR B. MAYNARD.

Melrose Wins at Syracuse.

Without giving his friends a chance to wish him godspeed, "Jimmie" Melrose, under cover of the thick darkness, stole from College Hill last Thursday night.

His clandestine and modest expedition was explained when Saturday morning's papers announced that he had won first place in the fifth annual State Prohibition Contest held at Syracuse University on Friday evening.

The newspaper reports say that both his style of speaking and content of his oration were excellent. This we know, that he defeated the representatives of Colgate and Syracuse Universities. The winner of the state contest has the privilege of appearing at the National contest to be held at Ocean Grove in July.

LIFE offers its congratulations to "Jimmie," and to that shadowy entity called the Prohibition Club, which has ultimately shown a lively regard for things at just the proper time.

The Chess Club Election.

On Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock the regular annual meeting of the Chess Club was held in Silliman Hall. Many new faces were seen among the fourteen present, which fact alone shows that chess, at this College, is in a thriving condition.

Mr. Harwood, '05, called the meeting to order, having been appointed chairman by the unanimous voice of those assembled. The business of electing a president then came up and after due deliberation, Mr. Richardson, '05, was chosen by a unanimous vote, all agreeing that "Russ.", because of his playing on last year's team, and his untiring efforts in furthering the interests of the club,should receive the honor. Much discussion over the vice-presidency followed. It was clear to all that there were two men equally worthy of the honor, Schwab and Harwood. Both have been connected with chess and both seemed equally entitled to the office. Such was the modesty of each, however, that neither wished to run against the other, claiming himself unworthy of comparison with his opponent. Such modesty could not go unrewarded and so the admirers of Mr. Harwood proposed a compromise by which Mr. Harwood received the vice-presidency and Mr. Schwab the secretaryship. Mr. Schwab's friends accepted this and both were elected. Because of his acknowledged ability as a chess player and his well-crowned efforts in enrolling new members for the club, Mr. Driscoll was appointed treasurer, his only opponents, Mr. Mann and Mr. Sicard, having voted for themselves.

Several measures were then discussed. It was decided to hold a local tournament, the winners to play all challengers. Driscoll proposed a tax of 25 cents on each member, but as there were strong suspicions that "Mart" intended to pay Madame with the money, the motion was lost. Having labored incessantly for nearly two hours, the members now proposed adjournment, i.e., to Madame's. It is to be regretted that the officers did not care to rest their wearied limbs and brains in the cooling atmosphere of Mrs. Kelley's parlor. For a time it really looked as though all the plums had been eaten by four men, but at last, under the leadership of Drummond, who rose to the occasion, the vice-president and treasurer, escorted by the club, minus its head and right arm, retired across the way and enjoyed a feast on "Blu," "Drum," "Mart" and "Leon." The schedule for the tournament will be posted in the Library soon.

Professor Davenport in Print.

Announcement has been made by the MacMillan Company of the publication of a book from the pen of Prof. F. M. Davenport, entitled "Primitive Traits in Religious Revivals". It is a scientific description of the religious revival as a study in mental and social evolution and is characterized as altogether timely in revival controversy. "The book is not only an excellent study in psychology and sociology, but contains a vivid narrative of the great religious movement of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries among the different types of people—the Indian, the negro, the Scotch-Irish in Kentucky and in Ulster, the New Englander in Jonathan Edwards' time, and the Englishman in the time of Wesley. It presents also a discriminating analysis of great evangelistic personalities such as Edwards, Wesley, Whitefield, Finney and Moody. The book is not only critical but constructive, and in its concluding chapters offers many suggestions which should be helpful in modern religious evangelism." While we won't many of us read the volume, we are glad to have the College brought so substantially before the public through Prof. Davenport's work and connection with us.

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WITH THIS ISSUE the new Board commences its labors, and from now on will shoulder the responsibility of publication. We appreciate, as no one else, the task the retiring men have, through their able administration, thrust upon us in endeavoring to do credit to ourselves in this new position. They have done well and we will feel satisfied in keeping LIFE up to the high standard they have set.

As far as possible the new *regime* will be the old. The policy and aims of the paper, let us hope, are now permanent. LIFE is intended, and strives, to be a mirror of college life and thought for the undergraduates and for such of the alumni as may be interested in the active, everyday life and sentiment of the College. The censorship will allow freedom but not license in the columns.

As heretofore the editor will be grateful for any items of interest from the alumni, such as accounts of banquets, reunions, etc., as well as any contributions from the student body. We can only hope that the good intent of our Genesis may yield fruition until our Exodus.

IT WAS a shock to the whole College to hear the news, received almost on the last day of last term, of Montague White's death. Known, admired and loved by so many of us as he was, the sad event comes home with heightened force. Brilliant in his achievements as a scholar, an orator and an athlete, "Monty" was one of *the* men of his class and college generation and doubly endeared to those who knew him intimately by his whole-hearted manhood and genial fellowship.

INTERSCHOLASTIC DAY will be upon us shortly. It is for the College to get off the kickers' bench and do its best to get men—good men—here and give them a glimpse of "God's own hillside" and a taste of Hamilton spirit and good fellowship. We need men, we need athletes, and the undergraduates must procure them. We have, for too long, lolled back in our chairs and wondered why we don't get athletes. Only a strenuous and personal canvass of your own circle of influence will bring such men here. We are too backward in publishing to the world our own praises. We can find a pertinent example for our campaign in our friends up the valley. They advertise their college to the limit and that college is rapidly getting to be an advertisement for itself. Pocket your *non intime* spirit and pull wires for Hamilton.

PRESS NOTICES have been mentioning at some length the expulsion of Oscar J. Brown, managing editor of the Syracuse University Daily Orange, because he refused to prove or deny an editorial published in the Orange of March 22, which classified some of the University courses as "cinch" courses and stated that Syracuse is obtaining the reputation of being a no-work college. It would be hard to say which is the more regrettable, that the curriculum at Syracuse is in a condition to warrant such a statement by an undergraduate, or that the dean should take such measures to redeem the evidently dentable reputation of the University. Certain it is that no Hamilton man feels moved to brand any of our courses as "cinches", or as anything but good, fair, substantial work.

Something Against the System.

If it is unreasonable to kick against the college system, we want to be unreasonable for once. Passing over such minor details as the constant inaccuracy of the cut records, confusion in the library, and the like, consider the conditions on which a man may be kept out of an examination. Last term a man was dropped from the Sophomore Class, and, it develops, was shut out of an examination without any warning whatsoever that his work was falling below pass standard. The fact that no warning is required came as a surprise to most of the college, but it remains that although most of the faculty do warn students falling below the required mark, there is no obligation to do this.

On looking up the history of the question we find that there was once a faculty regulation providing that students attaining a certain mark should be exempt from examinations. In order to give all an incentive to work it was decided that all students must attain five or be kept out of examinations. Previous to this rule there was no ordinance of scholarship. Later the first provision was cancelled from the statute books and only the latter holds good.

We also understand that about a year ago a resolution making obligatory the warning of delinquent students was tabled by the faculty, and has never been considered since.

It would seem entirely reasonable and fitting that if a limit is to be set for work—and that is perhaps fair—that we have some means of knowing what mark is being attained in any study. The regulations forbid any publicity of standings from one year's end to another, and no accurate percentage can be obtained till the completion of the course.

It would seem that in such a vital matter as exclusion from examinations a student might at least have the privilege of being warned as to the status of his work. So many things enter into success or failure in recitation, and luck is so potently an element in the work of all but a thorough master, that it is impossible for an instructor to be be perfectly just in his marking. It would be a godsend were the Faculty to take up that discarded resolution. It is certainly unjust that a man should flunk out because the faculty can't or won't tell him his stand till it is too late.

The Musical Clubs Discussed.

To the Editor of Hamilton Life:

My dear Sir—It has been my intention ever since the fiasco of the Musical Clubs' trip this year, to write you an open letter in regard to this matter, which echoes not only my own sentiments, but those of a large number of the younger alumni.

Primarily, a musical club is an advertisement of a college. Penetrating into districts where the college is not so well known, and reviving lagging interest in an old district, a college glee club is about the best advertisement that can be made. In falling short of this, the management of the Musical Clubs in Hamilton College is at fault, not only this year, but in other years as well.

A few weeks ago it was my privilege to attend here in Mount Vernon a concert given by the Colgate Musical Clubs. The affair was largely attended, and as a result several good men from this city have signified their interest in Colgate. And their clubs, judging from this concert, were not as strong as ours have been in past years. Yet they had a management with nerve enough and enterprise enough to take a respectable trip.

It is a great mistake to sit down and do nothing. It behooves the management of next year's organization to summon up a little backbone and energy, and get busy. So far as expenses are concerned, the writer knows by experience how easy it is to get large guarantees for college organizations. In addition to that, we have a large number of alumni in New York and vicinity who would loyally support any performance given by a Hamilton College musical society. The risk is a minimum, the experiment worth everything.

Get up a little nerve, shake off the apathy that has held you in constraint so far, and do something!

The alumni leave it to you. We find it very hard down here in New York to get away from business long enough to go to Oriskany Falls to hear the "Annual Performance Given by the Hamilton College Troupe of Trained Singers."

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College Notes.

—"Prex" is already prophesying a large class for next year.

—"Nelse" Drummond, '02, spent part of Thursday last on the Hill.

—As a result of the recent exams. the Sophomores are minus two men and the Freshmen one.

—The College and his class are sorry to lose Miller, '08. He expects to re-enter next year.

—The Freshmen have begun their grind on German, and are hashing over the old familiar "stickers."

—The Freshman triangle competition is again progressing merrily. Spherical "Trig." is the bone of contention.

—Farrell, '05, has left College to teach in North Adams, Mass., but will return at Commencement to secure his degree.

—The much postponed Sophomore-Freshman baseball game scheduled for to-day has been defaulted by the 1907 men.

—Lloyd Paul Stryker and a delegation from the Hill attended the alumni dinner it "Ute." and report a very enjoyable evening.

—Pork four times last week at Commons. How long can the men eating there stand the imposition before the bristles grow.

—The Freshmen wore their caps for the first time the morning after the flag row and they proved both satisfactory and ornamental.

—Bloyer tells "Bib" that an allegorical poem is one "written for a purpose—by the author." What a radical field is that of literary criticism.

—Sittig had the optimism last Tuesday to refer to the Junior Dutch class as an "intelligent, up-to-date, well educated German audience."

—When Kuolt took Dunham's old seat in Dutch "Schnitzie" cautioned him against falling asleep. Dunham didn't flunk last term so perhaps Kuolt has the bad reputation.

—Nearly all questions are now answered by an "Itch vise nitch." Porcelain pipes and "steins" are much in evidence. Nothing serious is to happen: Prince Henry is not going to return, nor is the College to become Bohemian. The cause of this disturbance is that some of the Freshmen have begun German.

—Among the new books in the Library is one by Dean Briggs, of Harvard, "Routine and Ideals." The last chapter, "The Mistakes of College Life," should be read by every fellow in College or about to enter.

—Judging from the number of giddy females the Hill has been favored with during the last week the "Campus Clearance Society" ought to get to work. It is a pity the good old custom of "heads out" has passed away.

—The first batch of Phi Beta Kappa men were initiated in the Library Thurs day afternoon. The neophytes are Stowell, Sherman, Beach, Schwab and Paton. They expect to publish a pamphlet in defense of their action.

—The too great popularity of the "Ate a Pie" Club, more commonly known as the "Grafters," proved its own undoing, as even a certain member of the faculty declined a pressing invitation to join the brotherhood.

—On the opening morning of the term the Freshmen successfully guarded their red rag of revolt, after having hauled down the green flag hoisted by the Sophomores. As heretofore, mud was the prominent feature of the row.

—The debaters for the 37th McKinney Prize Debate have been announced. They are Speh, Sherman, Sullivan, Schwab, Stowell and Beach. The subject is, "That Representative Government in New York State Has Proven a Failure."

—Wednesday, after noon chapel, the Freshmen voted to give a frolic. It will probably be held, as heretofore, on Clark Prize night. The reputation the Freshmen have established for making things succeed will not, we hope, suffer by this event.

—The Chapel is to be the decorative feature of some fifty dozen blue plates, so we were informed the other morning. Hereafter, when calling, we can look in the china closet or on the plate rack for the Chapel sandwiched in between the Bunker Hill monument and "Scenes from Holland."

—Many a man can appreciate quick wit, but few possess the ability to return fire with a double charge at an instant's notice. Recently an athlete and student of this College, while enjoying his evening MEAL at the Commons, scored one upon the steward. Student, (to waiter)—"Will you bring me some more dessert." Waiter—"There are no seconds." Student—"And hardly a first." Pretty work by Pulaski.

The Spring Season in Tennis.

Despite the occasional snow flurries that threaten to environ us with another siege of winter, tennis devotees are looking forward with enthusiastic anticipation to an early occupation of the tennis courts. With a little more rolling they will soon be in excellent condition, but a word of request and precaution will not be out of place. With the first approach of pleasant weather, the temptation to try one's skill with the racquet is hard to resist. A little restraint on the part of the players till the courts have become hard and solid will be greatly appreciated. One reason for the wretched condition of the courts last year was their use while the ground was yet soft and before the courts were really fit and in shape. A little thoughtful and timely forbearance in the display of our tennis ardor will contribute much to good courts and will add greatly to our enjoyment of the game.

There are unwritten rules of tennis etiquette which should be observed. One is to avoid a complete monopoly of the courts while others are waiting to play. It is easy, in the excitement of closely fought sets, to forget that we are not the only ones who have a right to the courts. Especially during the progress of the tennis tournament, should tournament players be privileged in their right of way to the courts.

Tennis has brighter prospects on the Hill this season than ever before. Mills, Richardson, Day, and Sicard, who composed the team last year and demonstrated an easy superiority over Syracuse, are all with us. Selection of members for the team will be strictly according to merit. The fact that certain men made it last year will not assure their presence there this year. With so much promising material in college, there is sure to be a warm competition. A challenge has already come from Syracuse. Contests with Union, Hobart, Colgate, Williams and Cornell are in sight. The activity and interest of the tennis management is unquestioned and it is hoped that a generous subscription will reward their solicitations, and help to make possible a prosperous season.

St. Lawrence Meet Cancelled.

As we go to press the news comes that the St. Lawrence Meet, mentioned in another column, failed of sanction by the faculty and must be cancelled.

The Outlook for Track Athletics

The track season has opened with every indication of success except good weather. Success may not always mean victory, but it seems certain that we will have the best all-around team in years and one that will do us credit in the fastest company we may compete in. There are a very large number of candidates working out and several new men of experience, whom we don't often get.

The schedule is a stiff one, but with work and good luck we can come through with credit to ourselves. It includes the three-cornered meet with Syracuse and Colgate at Syracuse on May 20th. In this meet we are undoubtedly the outsiders, but there is every prospect of a good showing in fast company. On May 24th we meet St. Lawrence University on Steuben Field and should win easily, though the Laurentians have some good athletes, as we have learned from experience. The Intercollegiate at Rochester on Decoration Day, May 30th, will conclude the season.

For the successful meeting of this schedule the management needs the heartiest co-labor of the College, both in a financial way and in attendance at the meets. Expenses and guarantees to be given will both be heavy, and considerable apparatus must be furnished to make things easier for the men.

Under direction of "Uncle John" and Captain Roosa, the team is working whenever the weather permits. Sicard, MacDonald and Dunwell are running well in the dashes, and for the hurdles there are Roosa, Holley and Sicard. There are a lot of men doing good work in the jumps; Roosa, Carroll, Peck, Bagg, MacDonald, Roseboom, Hull and others. Sherman, Speh and Thompson are the stand-bys in the weights. Roosa and Bramley at the 440 and Grossmeyer at the half-mile will take a lot of beating. In the distance runs we are decidedly weak, though the men may develop.

The men are full of determination and spirit which means a great deal, and if no untoward accidents happen the Spring Meet will bring out some excellent work.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

W. T. Diack, Williams, '03, the students' secretary, has been on the Hill helping the new administration lay out a policy of work for the coming year. The cabinet has been selected as follows: Roosa, chairman of Bible study committee; Trippe, mission study; McLean, religious meetings; Warburton, membership; P. A. Miller, finance; C. Allen, music; Bramley, social; Thompson vicinity work.

The administration is planning to make the Y. M. C. A. stand for a quality of practical altruism that every Hamilton man will endorse.

A special effort will be made to send a representative number of men to the Northfield Students' Conference, June 30th. Ex-president Day has been appointed chairman of the Northfield committee.

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